

JACKSON JOURNAL

JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

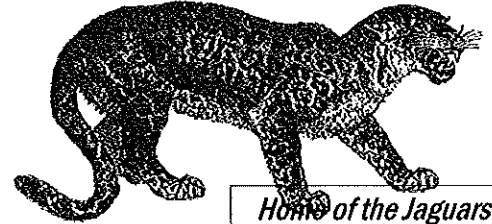
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Home of the Jaguars

The Principal's Desk *A word from*

Well, here we are at the start of our second month of school. I would like to thank all of you for sending us such wonderful students to work with. As I have said before, this year has been one of the best startups that I have been involved with in a long time. There are a couple of points of information that I would like to provide you with this month.

First, during the course of the school year many of you will have a child who will get to experience lunch detention. Lunch detention occurs when a student is late to class and the teacher reports that tardy to me. The student will then spend their lunch time at the detention table in the cafeteria where they will eat their lunch and then just sit instead of going off to recess.

Many students who get detention try to inform us that they do not have enough time to get from class to class. If that were true we would make adjustments to the schedule. However we have over 99% of our students making it to class on time on a daily basis so that cannot be the case. And I do know that even if we provided more time, we would still have students who would be late for class. I keep track of those students who are repeat offenders and work to find strategies that will assist them to getting to class on time.

I would also like you to know that if a student has troubles with their locker, they do not receive a detention. But they have to have an adult help them open their locker in order to be excused. I personally walk the students to their next class so the teacher knows that everything is on the up and up.

On another note, we have had two Advisory lessons this year that have gone very well. Remember, Advisory is a time when your child meets with their Advisory teacher in a mixed age group to discuss issues that occur at school as well as work to create a sense of community that transcends the grade level boundaries. In the month of September we did some getting to know you activities so that the students could get to know each other a little bit better. We are in the process of creating lessons for this month and I will fill you in as we solidify our plans.

Thank you again for the great start and have a great weekend!
John Ferraro

DATE	DAY	TIME	October Events
10/7	Fri	9:30	6th Grade Coffee Talk
10/12	Wed	All Day	Advisory Schedule
10/13	Thurs		QSP Reward Event
10/14	Fri	All Day	Inservice- No School
10/16-10/18	Sun-Tues	Sun lv. @ 3:00; Tues rtn. @ 7:05	Outdoor School Kelley/Smith-Sandy River Cameron- Camp Namanu
10/18	Tues	8:45-12	Nelson's Field Trip
10/19	Wed	All Day	2 Hour ~ Late Opening
10/19	Wed	7:00	PTA Meeting in Library
10/26	Wed	All Day	Advisory Schedule
10/26	Wed	5:30	ESL Meeting @ Willson
10/26	Wed	7:00	Parent TAG Meeting @ Willson
10/27	Thurs	10-11:30	Grandparents & Special Friends Day
11/1	Tues		Picture Re-take Day
11/4	Fri	9:30	6th Grade Coffee Talk
11/21 & 11/22	Mon & Tues	All Day	Parent Teacher Conferences (More info next month)

From the Jackson Office:

In order to reduce the number of phone calls or messages to your student's classroom, we encourage parents to make after school arrangements prior to the start of the school day.

If your student forgets an item from home, you are welcome to drop that item off in the main office and we will help get it to them.

Thank you for your help!

~Office Staff

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## **PTA Parent Education Night**

*Strategies for Success at Wilson: What Parents Need to Know to Help Their Student Succeed*

Monday, October 17th, 2011

6-8:00 pm

Wilson Cafeteria

There's a lot at stake during the high school years. Finishing with a diploma, preparing for college, charting a plan for the future are crucial to our students' long-term success. Please join us to learn about how parents can partner with Wilson staff and administrators to help students reach their goals.

We will begin at 6:00 pm with an opportunity for parents to network (light refreshments provided); the presentation will start promptly at 6:30 pm. At the conclusion of the one-hour presentation there will be a thirty-minute question and answer session.

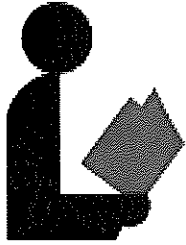
Topics will include drug and alcohol prevention and policies, harassment and bullying (including cyber-bullying), technological distractions such as social networking, texting, and online gaming.

We hope to see you there! For more information, contact Valeurie Friedman at [wilsonhigh-schoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonhigh-schoolpta@gmail.com).

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TAG Meeting!

The next parent TAG meeting will be on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at Wilson High School at 7:00 PM.



Notes from the JMS Library

Welcome to the Jackson Middle School Library. We hope to see your young scholars often this year, whether it's to check out books to read, research for a project or personal interest, meet with friends at lunch recess or coming to the library with a class.

Library Staff:

Garnetta Wilker, Library Media Specialist
Lori Lieberman, Library Assistant

Library Hours:

9 AM- 4 PM

Mondays, Tuesdays, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, and Thursdays

12:10 PM- 4:00 PM

Fridays

Check-Out Policies:

- Bring **ID card** for *easy* check-out!
- **Check-out Period** – Two weeks Please return on time so others can enjoy the books.
- E-mail reminder of return date- 3 days before due date.
Books can be renewed for an additional period, either in the library or online through Stacks Online (Information below). To use online renewal, users must log in.

Library Website:

Find the research resources to make your student's research easier. Get to the JMS Library website by going to <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/jackson/> and then navigating to Library from the left navigation buttons.

On the library page, you can find specialized research databases with magazine and newspaper access and reference book articles to make your work easier, links to other good research sites and web search directories just for students. There are also links to lists of award-winning books and our very own Oregon Reader's Choice Award lists and Oregon Battle of the Books lists.

PPS Online Library Catalog- Stacks Online

Go to the Jackson Library page on the JMS site and click on the Stacks Online link **OR**

Go to <http://library.pps.k12.or.us/>

Be sure to select **Jackson** when you search.

Announcements:

Book Fair is coming to Jackson in November! We'll need volunteers to help staff it during its run. If you are interested in spending some time amongst the books and helping students make their purchases, please contact me or the Jackson Office.

JMS Library News (cont.)

(More Announcements)

Textbooks are expensive to replace. Has your student covered his/her texts and made sure that his/her name is in the book? Students are responsible for taking good care of texts and are responsible for paying for lost and damaged textbooks.

Multnomah County Library's **Teen Author Lecture 2011** features Matt de la Pena this year. His novels include Mexican Whiteboy and Bail Don't Lie. The event is on Monday, October 17 at 7 PM at the Slavic Church Emmanuel, 2025 SE 82nd Ave., Portland.

Picture It @ Your Library- Teen Read Week is celebrated this year from October 16-22. Encourage your teen to Read- just for the fun of it!

Questions? Please contact me. I'm in the library on Tuesdays, Thursdays and 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

Garnetta Wilker
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SUN Program

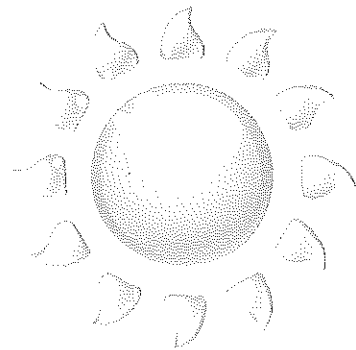
BEGINNING BAND SCHEDULE CHANGE

Beginning Band has had very low enrollment. Due to the low enrollment it will be held once per week.

Classes will be Monday mornings from 8:05-9:05 unless Monday is a holiday. If Monday is a holiday class will move to Wednesday. If Monday is a holiday and Wednesday is a late opening then class will be held on that Friday.

DONATIONS NEEDED!!

SUN School Homework Club needs Graphing Calculators! They don't have to be new or the most recent – any will do! Tax receipts are available for any and all donations!
Thanks!



WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

Dear Parents:

Our recent fundraiser has underperformed and we need your help. We hoped to raise at least \$10,000 with our magazine sales. To date, we have raised approximately \$6,500.

We asked each student to sell at least 2 magazines and we had far too many students and families that did not sell a single subscription or renewal.

We understand today's economic conditions and the struggles of many of our families, but we still want to be the best that we can be for our students.

We find ourselves in the position of not being able to fully fund classroom activities and field trips. The PTA budgeted \$9,800 for classroom supplies/activities and field trips. Based on current sales, we only have \$6,500. Therefore, we are asking that if you did not participate in the sale or if you want to help further, please go to www.qsp.com and either:

Send 10 emails to friends and family;

Purchase magazine subscriptions;

Do both.

Also, we will accept cash sales through Monday morning (October 10th). They can be turned into the office.

Orders placed online or turned into the office by Monday morning will be counted towards the Games2U party on October 13th. Each student who sells 8 magazines is going to the party and it will be a good one!

Please help us reach our goal. And thank you for your support!

Jackson Middle School PTA

Shop Magazines Online 24/7

Go to www.qsp.com and register your student*

Our school number is: 1154523

Send 10 emails to friends and family;

Purchase magazine subscriptions;

Do both.

Pay with MasterCard or VISA

Every little bit helps!

Registration helps with crediting prizes to your student

Bernstein News:

For those of you new to Jackson I would like to share with you what "Bernstein" means at our school. It is a teaching model and school reform that evolved from the great composer Leonard Bernstein and many creative educators. This I believe is our 14th year using the "Artful Learning" model to improve learning, inspire students and teachers to inquire, to collaborate and engage with community. How could you go wrong?

It is a process and takes time to grow as a Bernstein teacher. This is my 14th year and I still continue to find better ways to teach using the model. It grows with us and vice versa.

Most of our staff has been trained but we will train new staff including our vice principal-Greg Crabtree. Parents would be welcome to come to a full or part of a day training as well. Keep your eyes open for the date T.B.D.

This fall our staff's in service was inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy. His work was the vehicle for inspiration and the opportunity to use the concept of "change". Through exploration of made-made inventions the staff had to generate overarching concepts and questions in contrast to Goldsworthy's work. A final creation was constructed by each team using found objects. Their sculpture (culmination of the unit) revealed the concept of change. Perhaps you noticed some of these creations around the Jackson campus??

Many "Artful Learning" units are in the planning phase. If you ask your child you will know when they are involved in one. It looks like concepts, masterworks, overarching questions, inquiry, constant reflection, painting, acting, singing, or engineering.

Often extensive materials are used or a specialist is hired to help support the creative portion of the unit. On going training is another expense that the use of the model incurs. The annual auction has been the primary fundraiser to continue the Bernstein legacy at Jackson,

Look for information about future Jackson units in our upcoming Journals.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Ann Ott-Cooper

aottcoop@pps.net

Bernstein coordinator/art teacher

Bernstein Committee:

Ann Ott-Cooper, Scott Cameron, Jennifer Kelly, Anne Marquard, Dave, Molloy, Craig Parrott, Jennifer Roser, Drew Wilson

2011/12 BERNSTEIN CALENDARS

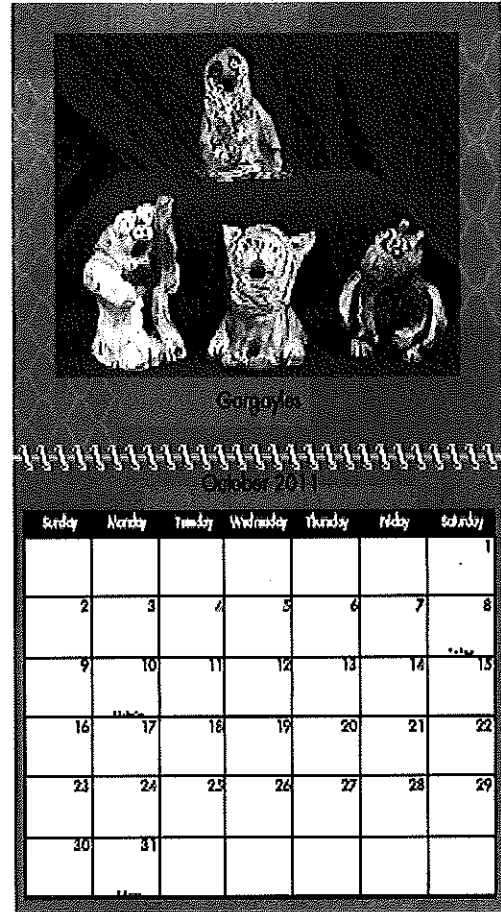
AVAILABLE NOW!

The calendars are in!!! Jackson Middle School is happy to announce our second annual *Bernstein Art School Calendars* featuring student artwork. All profits go to the Bernstein fund to support our continued dedication to the Artful Learning process for all students.

As you may remember from last years calendar, they run from July 2011 to June 2012 and include important dates specific to our school, such as Late Start, End of Grading Periods, Conference Days, etc. Calendars will be available to pick up by the end of the school year.

If you are interested in obtaining a *free sample* from this year, we have a few remaining copies of last years calendar to give away. Since they feature a rich and broad selection of student artwork, you may want one just to frame your own student's artwork!

*For more information or questions/comments, please contact Ann Ott-Cooper at JMS, aottcooper@pps.net or 503-916-5680. Thank you for your support of the Bernstein fund!



BERNSTEIN ART CALENDAR ORDER FORM

 (name and student name)

 (phone number)

 (email address - not required)

I wish to purchase _____ copies of the calendar for \$15.00 each. My total is \$ _____. I have included cash or check made out to Jackson Middle School.

*Please return order forms to JMS office. Thank you for your support.

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Parents:

For more information on low-cost or no-cost health insurance for your children, call:

Multnomah ESD

English: 503-257-1732
Spanish: 503-257-1746
Russian: 503-257-1722
Vietnamese: 503-257-1565

Please complete this form and mail to us. You may call us or fax to 503-257-1779; or you may submit the referral form online. If you already have Kaiser or Oregon Health Plan you do not need to re-apply.

Mail to:

Multnomah Education Service District
Attn: HSS
11611 NE Ainsworth Circle, Portland, OR 97220
http://w3.mesd.k12.or.us/shs/child_health/refer.shtml

My child or children do not have health insurance.
Please contact me.

Child name _____ date of birth _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Phone Number _____

Alternate Phone Number _____

Address _____

Comments _____

If your child needs health insurance,

Talk with our outreach specialists to see if your child qualifies for FREE health insurance (Healthy Kids/Kaiser Permanente CHP)
Call 503-257-1732

Si su niño necesita seguro médico,

Hable con nuestros especialistas para poder calificar para seguro médico GRATUITO (Healthy Kids/Kaiser Permanente)
Llame 503-257-1746

Если вашему ребенку нужна медицинская страховка,

Обратитесь к одному из наших специалистов чтобы узнать если ваш ребенок квалифицирует для БЕСПЛАТНОЙ медицинской страховки 503 257 1722

Nếu Con Quý Vị cần Bảo Hiểm Sức Khỏe,

Xin gọi cho nhân viên chuyên trách để biết con mình có hội đủ điều kiện được bảo hiểm sức khỏe miễn phí.
Xin gọi ngay hôm nay 503-257-1565



Multnomah Education Service District
11611 NE Ainsworth Circle



Multnomah County
Health Department



KAISER PERMANENTE®

Healthy Kids

Do Your Children Have Health Insurance?

¿Necesitan Sus Niños Seguro Médico?



Child Health Insurance Access Program

Multnomah Education Service District

No Cost

Low Cost

Income less than \$44,000 for a family of four*
Free: Fully subsidized

Sin Costo (gratis)

Ingreso anual sin exceder \$44,000 para una familia de cuatro miembros.
Gratis: Apoyo financiero

Бесплатно

Доход меньше чем \$44,000 для семьи из четырех человек. Полностью субсидировано

Miễn Phí

Thu nhập thấp hơn \$44,000 với gia đình 4 người
Trợ cấp hoàn toàn miễn phí

Low Cost

Low Cost

Income between \$44,000 and \$66,000 for a family of four*
Subsidized premium on a sliding scale

Bajo Costo

Ingreso anual entre \$44,000 y \$66,000 para una familia de cuatro miembros.
Apoyo financiero con costo parcial basado en escala móvil

Низкая стоимость

Доход между \$44,000 и \$66,000 для семьи из четырех человек. Субсидированная премия на подвижной шкале

Giảm giá

Thu nhập khoảng \$44,000 - \$66,000 với gia đình 4 người
Giảm lệ phí dựa vào mức thu nhập

Affordable

Affordable

Over \$66,000 for a family of four*
No subsidy: Affordable premium available to purchase

Económico

Ingreso anual de \$66,000 en adelante para una familia de cuatro miembros
Sin apoyo financiero Disponible para comprar a bajo costo

Доступная по цене

Больше чем \$66,000 для семьи из четырех человек. Отсутствие субсидии; Возможно купить премию по доступной цене

Đáp ứng nhu cầu

Thu nhập nếu trên \$66,000 với gia đình 4 người. Không trợ cấp; tuy nhiên lệ phí sẽ đáp ứng nhu cầu cần mua bảo hiểm

* Program eligibility base on annual income and number of members in the family. Income guidelines are approximate. A family of four is used for example purposes.

Oregon Health Plan

The no-cost part of Healthy Kids for families with income no more than 200% of the federal poverty level. No premiums or copayments



El Plan de Salud de Oregon (Medical) es una parte de Healthy Kids (la parte sin costo) para familias con ingresos sin exceder 200% del nivel de pobreza federal. Gratis.

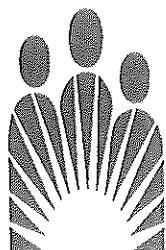
План Здоровья Oregon Бесплатная часть программы Здоровые Малыши для сем с доходом не больше чем 200% из федерального уровня бедности. Отсутствие страховой премия или copayments.

Chương Trình Sức Khỏe Oregon là một phần của "Healthy Kids" (phần Miễn Phí) dành cho gia đình có thu nhập không hơn 200% của mức nghèo ấn định cho liên bang. Không lệ phí hàng tháng, không phụ phí

俄勒岡健康計劃是健康孩子(沒有價·的部分)的一部分與收入的家庭的不超·200% 聯邦·瘠程度。沒有保險費或 copayments

The Kaiser Permanente Child Health Program

A resource available for children who have applied for and been found ineligible for Healthy Kids/Oregon Health Plan benefits.



El Programa de Kaiser Permanente puede ser otro recurso disponible para niños que no han sido aceptados en OHP (Medical) ó Healthy Kids.

Kaiser Permanente programa Детского Здоровья может быть ресурсом для детей неподходящих для бенефитов программы Здоровые Малыши/ OHP.

Chương Trình Sức Khỏe Trẻ Em của Kaiser Permanente là chương trình trợ giúp sẵn sàng cho các em đã đệ đơn xin Chương Trình Sức khỏe Oregon OHP hoặc "Healthy Kids" nhưng bị từ chối vì không hội đủ điều kiện

Kaiser Permanente 兒童健康節目也許是資源可利用為申請了和找到不合格在 OHP 或健康孩子好處上的孩子。



New Rules: Notifying Families of Student Absences

Beginning this school year, all PPS schools will notify parents and guardians of students' unexcused morning absences **before the end of the school day**. But we need your help to do it!

It is **very important** that you provide your school with a phone number to reach you during the daytime. How do you do that?

- ▶ **Returning students:** If you are the parent/guardian of a student returning to PPS, you will complete a student verification form. The number your school will call is in Section 9* of the form.
- ▶ **New students:** If you are the parent/guardian of a new student to PPS, you will complete a student registration form. The number your school will call is in Section 17* of the form.
- ▶ **Updating phone number:** If the phone number that you provide changes during the school year, contact your school to update it.

PPS already requires schools to make calls by mid-day when students in grades K-5 have unexcused absences. The change affects middle and high schools. Why are we making the change? It's our job to keep you engaged in your student's education. And it's the law: The Oregon Legislature approved a bill early this year that requires all school boards to have an attendance notification policy for their districts. Portland Public Schools is modifying its policy to meet the requirements.

** Information on the relevant sections is updated from What You Need to Know, the back-to-school newsletter for Portland Public Schools.*

Grade	Timeline
K-8	Calls begin at 10:30 a.m.
Middle schools	Morning class absence: Calls begin at 12:30 p.m. Afternoon class absence: Calls begin at 5:30 p.m.
High schools	Morning class absence: Calls begin at 1 p.m. Afternoon class absence: Calls begin at 6 p.m.

PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS AND MEDIA:

There are opportunities throughout the school year for your child's photograph to be taken. These may include school field trips, classroom activities, and other general school activities. Schools enjoy using these photographs on the school website, in the yearbook, and for school related functions such as the auction. However, some parents do not want their children identified for various reasons.

If you would prefer that your child's photograph not be used in any of the following instances, please indicate below:

Yearbook

My child's photograph and name may not be used in the school yearbook

School Website

School websites are wonderful opportunities to showcase our students and our schools. Students are only identified by first name and grade.

My child's photograph may not be posted on the school's website.

Portland Public Schools Website

The District often includes pictures of students on its website. Students are only identified by first name, grade, and school.

My child's photograph may not be posted on the school's website.

Auction Slideshow

A slideshow of student photographs is often shown at school auctions. Names are not included with the photographs.

My child's photograph may not be used in the auction slideshow.

News Media

The news media often like to report about events at our schools.

My child's photograph may not be used by the news media (television and newspaper).

SCHOOL DIRECTORIES:

Many of our schools or PTAs/PTOs create school directories that are distributed to all families. These school directories include the name and grade of the student along with the parent/guardian name[s] as well as phone numbers, addresses, and email addresses.

I do not want my family's information included in the school directory.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

**PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REQUEST FOR LIMITATION ON RELEASE OF STUDENT DIRECTORY
INFORMATION**

Student Name (print): _____ School: _____

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Portland Public Schools may release "directory information" without specific parent consent. Portland Public Schools has designated the following information as "directory information": Student's name, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, height and weight of athletic team members, degrees, honors and awards received, major field of study, dates of attendance, and most recent school attended (or current school).

In most cases, schools use directory information for school purposes such as yearbooks, playbills, sports programs, and posted class lists.

If you do not want Portland Public Schools to release your child's "directory information", please sign below and return to your child's school.

I request that my child's directory information not be released for any purpose. I understand this means that my child's information will not appear in yearbooks, graduation programs, honor roll and other recognition lists, sports activity and theatrical programs, or other school documents that are available to the school community [and public].

Parent Name (print): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

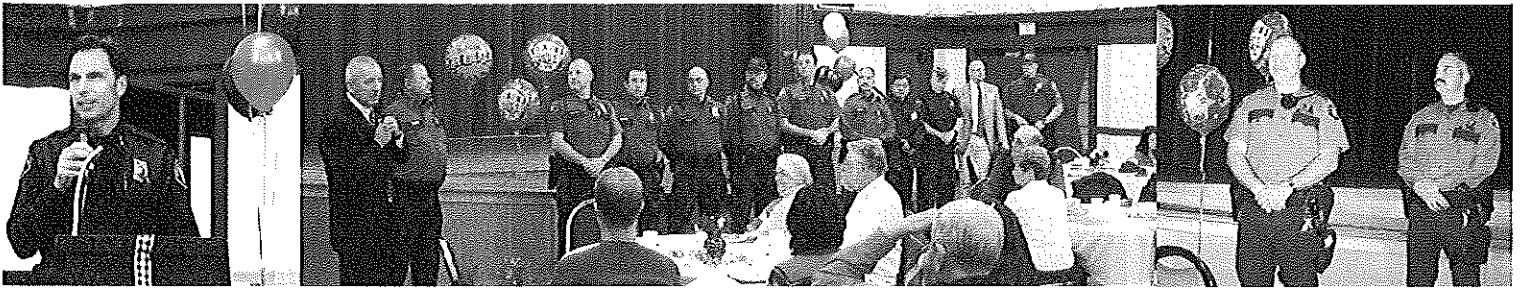
SCHOOL USE ONLY: Parents may complete this form to submit an official written request per Item #108 on the Student Registration Form. Please attach to the Registration Form, and enter in eSIS.

Entry date in eSIS: _____ By: _____



COMMUNITY POLICING RECEPTION

Join us for some free dinner, door prizes, and good company. Meet the Commander of Central Precinct and the Southwest Officers who will be honored for their outstanding work!

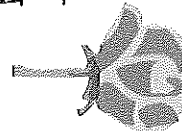


WHEN: MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2011 @ 7PM

**WHERE: MULTNOMAH ARTS CENTER,
AUDITORIUM
7688 SW CAPITOL HIGHWAY**

For more info, contact Jan Weston at 503 293-4301, janweston@comcast.net or
Stefanie Adams, Crime Prevention Coordinator at 503-823-3131, stefanie.adams@portlandoregon.gov

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Brought to you by the SW Neighborhoods Inc. Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee.
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Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement and Southwest Neighborhoods Inc.